



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
09 /988,820	11/20/01	Michael Pittroff	173/50483

EXAMINER	
Robert H. Spitzer	
ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
1724	16

DATE MAILED:

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Larry Carter (3) _____
(2) Robert H. Spitzer (4) _____

Date of Interview June 18, 2003

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☒ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☐ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☒ was not reached.

Claims discussed: All

Identification of prior art discussed: Tamata et al. ('377), Li et al. ('741) & ('847); Saxena, Jr. et al.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Example in the Application shows that 20 vol. % SF₆ initial feed gas mixture is used which is at the high end of the range of Li et al. ('847). Atty will point out that the range within a range is critical to the process, with respect to the apparatus claims, it was suggested that they be formulated in the same language as the process claims but with apparatus limitations

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ 1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph below has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

☐ 2. Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the substance of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Robert H. Spitzer
Examiner's Signature